

## SKUAST-JAMMUBEST STUDENT AWARD

### Guidelines for SKUAST-Jammu Best Student Award

1. **Name of the award:** SKUAST-Jammu Best Student Award
2. **Sponsor of the award:** Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences & Technology of Jammu (J&K)
3. **Objective of the award:**
  - i. To provide recognition to outstanding students of the University
  - ii. To promote excellence in overall personality development of the students
4. **Nature of award:** These awards are meant for individual UG/PG students of the university with outstanding performance in academics and co-curricular activities. The best student awards at UG, master's and Ph.D. levels shall have citation and cash prize of Rs. 5000/- Rs.8000/- and 10000/-, respectively.
5. **Frequency & no. of awards:** The award shall be given every year. The number of awards in each faculty for UG/PG degree programmes shall be as per following distribution:

S.No.	Name of the faculty	No. of Awards/ Degree		
		UG	Master's	Ph.D.
1.	Faculty of Agriculture	1	1	1
2.	Faculty of Veterinary Sciences & Animal Husbandry	1	1	1
3.	Faculty of Basic Sciences	NA	1	1
4	Faculty of Agricultural Engineering	1	1	1
5	Faculty of Horticulture & Forestry	1	1	1
6.	Faculty of Dairy Technology	1	1	1
	<b>Total (17)</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>

6. **Eligibility criteria:**
  - i. Only SKUAST-Jammu students are eligible for the SKUAST-Jammu Best Student Award.

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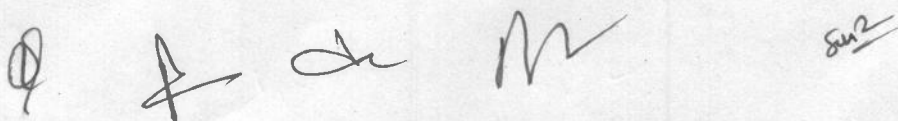
- ii. An undergraduate student in B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture, B. Tech. (Biotechnology), B.Sc. (Hons.) Horticulture, B. Tech. (Agril. Engineering), B.Tech. (Dairy Technology) must have completed the degree in 8 semesters. However, in case of students of B.V.Sc. & A.H. programme a student must have completed his/her degree in regular 5½ years. Such student must have obtained OGPA not less than 7.50 (on 10.00 scale basis).
- iii. In case of Master's and Doctoral students, the student must have completed the degree programme within 04 semesters in case of Master's programme and 06 semesters in case of Doctoral programme and have obtained OGPA not less than 8.00 (on 10.00 scale basis). Here, completion of degree means delivering of thesis seminar and / or the submission of draft of thesis to the concerned Dean within stipulated time of completion of degree in normal duration, as stated above.

**Other criteria:**

- i. The student must have completed the entire programme at SKUAST-Jammu and should be in continuous residence for the specified period of residential requirements.
- ii. A student who has been on scholastic/conduct probation or who had been either rusticated or expelled or who has failed in any of the course of a programme will not be entitled for the award.
- iii. The student who improves the OGPA through supplementary examination or through any other means shall not be considered for the award.
- iv. The student is expected to be a role model with high moral values and must have neither been penalized nor there should be any inquiry pending against him/her.

**7. Procedure:**

- i. In case of UG, the Dean of the concerned faculty shall nominate eligible undergraduate students on the prescribed application form (Annexure-I) and finalize the process through faculty level committee as explained in section 8 (v).
- ii. Deans of the Faculties shall call for nomination of eligible Master's and Doctoral students for the award by all HoDs/ Incharge on the prescribed application form (Annexure-II for Master's & Annexure-III for Doctoral students) at the end of each academic year. Only one eligible student for each level shall be nominated, strictly on the basis of merits as stated above, by the concerned HoD/ Incharge in consultation with the faculty members of the division and

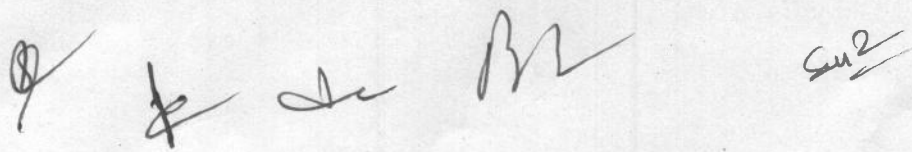


be nominated, strictly on the basis of merits as stated above, by the concerned HoD/ Incharge in consultation with the faculty members of the division and send to the Dean of the concerned Faculty for further necessary action. After completing the procedure, the Dean will send the same to the Director Education for further necessary action and finalization thereof.

**8. Selection process:**

The award recipient will be selected via evaluation process as described below:

- i. At UG levels, 60 percent weightage shall be given to academic merit and 20 percent to extra-curricular activities such as special recognition in sports, cultural events, contests, debate/ discussion competitions, NCC/NSS camps etc. at Faculty, University, UT/state, National and International levels. The rest 20 percent will be based on his/her speech on the topic of academic interest (to be given by the concerned Dean) in the presence of staff and students of the faculty, for which marks shall be allotted (averaged out) by a committee of three judges (teachers of the concerned faculty nominated by the Dean).
- ii. In case of Master's degree level, 60 percent weightage shall be given to academic merit, 10 percent to quality of research at Master's level and 10 percent to extra-curricular activities such as special recognition in sports, cultural events, contests, competitions, NCC, NSS etc. at Faculty/University, UT/state, National and international levels. The rest 20 percent will be based on his/her speech on the topic of academic interest (to be given by the Director Education) in the presence of staff and students of the faculty, for which marks shall be allotted (averaged out) by a committee of three judges (teachers of the concerned Faculty nominated by the Director Education).
- iii. At Doctoral level, 50 percent weightage shall be given to academic merit, 20 percent to quality of research at Ph.D. level and 10 percent to extra-curricular activities such as special recognition in sports, cultural events, contests, competitions, NCC, NSS etc. at Faculty/ University, UT, National and International levels. The rest 20 percent will be based on his/her speech on the topic of academic interest (to be given by the Director Education) in the presence of staff and students of the Faculty, for which marks shall be allotted (averaged

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- out) by a committee of three judges (teachers of the concerned Faculty nominated by the Director Education).
- iv. In case of Master's and Doctoral programmes, a competent committee comprising of Deans of Faculties, one Senior Professor from each faculty (nominated by the Director Education) and Joint Registrar (Academics) under the chairmanship of Director Education shall evaluate and finalize the name of the awardees from different faculties. The chairman of the committee shall recommend and submit the same for acceptance by the Competent Authority.
  - v. In case of UG programme a faculty level competent committee comprising of one Senior Professor, one Senior Assoc. Professor, one Senior Asstt. Professor and Academic In charge of faculty, under the chairmanship of the concerned Dean will identify the top 10 eligible students (based on academic merits and extra-curricular activities). Such students shall be evaluated as per the process mentioned above herein this section and the name of the awardee shall be finalized by the committee of the respective faculties. The chairman of the committee shall recommend and submit the same for acceptance by the Competent Authority.
  - vi. Further, in the event of a tie in total score of all levels of students, the student with more OGPA shall be recommended for the award.
  - vii. In case of any dispute or difference in opinion, the decision of the Vice-chancellor shall be final.
9. **Administration of the award:** The award will be administered by the SKUAST-J through Dean of concerned faculties (in case of UG students) / Director Education (in case of Master's and Doctoral students) of the University.
10. **Presentation:** The declaration and presentation of award along with citation will be made on the Foundation Day (20<sup>th</sup> September) of the SKUAST-Jammu every year.

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